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1. An unidentified field artillery regiment is located in Vratsa in a barracks occupied by an artillery regiment prior to World War II.
2. An unidentified infantry battalion, strength and subordination unknown, is located in Vidin in a barracks which was formerly occupied by an infantry regiment and is situated on Goyan Konos Street. This unit is commanded by Major Dobrinov who acts as commanding officer of the military garrison of Vidin.
3. An unidentified Trudovak battalion, strength 300 men, is located in Vidin and is housed in a barracks situated at the end of Georgi Dimitrov Street, in the vicinity of the civilian hospital. Even prior to World War II, this barracks was occupied by a workers' unit and prior to that by an artillery regiment which was transferred to Vratsa. For this reason these barracks are still referred to as the artillery barracks. This Trudovak unit has been stationed here since 1948-1949 and is working on fortifications along the Yugoslav border.
4. The 7 Trudovak Battalion, strength 200-300 men, is quartered in barracks consisting of two 1-story buildings located in Svoze (N 42-58, E 23-19). Even prior to World War II this barracks was occupied by the same unit, which works on the maintenance and repair of roads.

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Civilian Defense Organizations

5. The GSO (Gotov za Sanitarna Otbrana; Ready for Medical Defense) is an organization instituted chiefly for bringing help to those wounded in enemy air raids. This organization would allegedly also be used in case of national calamities, such as earthquakes, floods, etc. All citizens of both sexes and of all ages are obliged to take part in brief training courses held by this organization.

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6. The PVKhO (Protivovuzdushna i Khimichna Otbrana; Antiaircraft and Chemical Defense) is an organization which all able citizen of both sexes who have passed the age of 45 are obliged to join. Members are given instruction in defense against chemical agents dropped from the air, bacteriological warfare, and are taught how to aid the wounded. They are also given elementary instruction on how to reclaim areas impregnated with chemical gases.
7. The GTO (Gotov za Trud i Otbrana; Ready for Labor and Defense) is an organization aimed at forming groups of youth from 15 to 20 to use them in emergencies in work concerning national defense, including construction of fortifications work in the rear lines.

Vidin Airfield

8. The Vidin emergency airfield is located on the northwestern outskirts of the city, approximately 300 meters from the civilian hospital. This field consists of a level area, nearly square, approximately 600 meters on each side, and devoid of any air facilities. Only once did an airplane make an emergency landing here when a doctor of the nearby hospital had to be taken to Sofia for an emergency operation.

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